

SATURDA, DECEMBER 24, 1910.

Voice From the Colored Press.

***** AN OCCULAR DEMONSTRATION.

are in receipt of a very Savings Bank was organized, according to information given through this pamphlet, in 1901, by Mr. Mitchell with a capital of \$25, and stands a high rating test with three rooms, and the deposits throughout the country. It is unfor the first week amounted to \$8. tion of what our people can do under one of the finest bank buildings in can bring things to pass. He is a tures and furniture as can be seen in and of thoroughgoing business prop and other cities. ensities. He is the brilliant editor of the well established "Richmond ture, was completed at a cost of more Planet," a paper that has done more nown and tact, stands high both in is a round door at the entrance to hopes, poverty, weeping mothers, government. I have always said that have done them good. Jealousy of diction of Virginia. May the Mechanics' Savines Bank live long to long the following power of the bank room is a round door at the entrance to hopes, poverty, weeping mothers, government. I have always said that have done them good. Jealousy of and those sparkling globules that continuously rise from the bottom, most radical and the most valuable in the continuously rise from the bottom. Mitchell and his associate staff of of-ficers are to be congratulated upon shows that the colored people of the success of the Mechanics' Sav- Richmond have money and know how ings Bank .- Rock Hill (N. C.) Mes-

Mechanics' Bank, Richmond, Va.

The above institution represents determined. Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., Idea. president, stands at the head of Afro-American bankers. He has the rare distinction of being the only Afro-American banker who attends the National Bankers' Asso-

This bank has handled millions of world by all first-class banking in-

J. Mitchell. Jr., and its directors, they have located one of the most magnificent banking establishments in the Southwest, with all the latest modern banking conveniences, A large round-door vault patterned after the latest and most substantial banking institutions of the world.

This massive building is the pro duction of Afro-American brain, culture, intelligence and wealth com bined under capable and honest lead- County News.

Some of the very best Afro-Amer ican citiezns in this country live in Richmond, Va. They have set the commercial world to wondering what our people will do next. Yours for continued success, Mr. John Mitchell, and your enterprising board of directors.—Cadiz (Ky.) In-

The Mechanics' Savings Bank.

We have received from the Me chanics' Savings Bank of Richmond, Va., of which Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., is the founder and president, a beautifully illustrated prospectus showing the exterior and interior views of its newly constructed home-office which is the finest and most elaboratelyfitted up building of its kind owned by Negroes anywhere. The building which is four stories high is built from the tree. They come in clusters of white water-proof compressed brick with granite trimmings. columns on either side of the doorway are twenty inches in diameter and are composed of pink marble. The pi-lasters on the front are of the same width and material. bank fixtures and interior fittings are composed of white Italian marble, verde antique Italian marble (imported), mahogany, bronze and brass. The vault which is of the round-door type is one of the best now in uso. The door and framealone weigh twelve tons. In fact, it is equipped with every modern convenience with which to facilitate a banking business, and is monument to the genius of Mr. Mitchell, who is easily the leading financier of the race. Mr. Mitchell also bears the distinction of being the only Negro member of the American Bankers' Association, and he at-tends all of its annual meetings.-Durham (N. C.) informer.

THANKS, EDITOR MITCHELL, AND CONGRATULATIONS.

We wish to thank Mr. Jno. Mitchell, Jr., editor the Richmond Planet Grand Chancellor K. of P. of Virginia, President of the Mechanics Savings Bank, Richmond, Va ... and the holder of other positions of trust and responsibility, for the neat and artistic brochure which came to our office a few days ago. It contains beautiful photographs of the exte-

rior and interior of the Mechanics' Savings Bank building, in Richmon i. When we were in Richmond last January Editor Mitchell pointed with pride to the bank building then in course of erection and said: next time you come to Richmond we For two long hours there was will show you the finest and best heard the click of glasses, and the

He has kept his word. to you and yours, Editor Mitchell. and remember that you are too good Belle France. For two hours down and useful a man to remain single.-Birmingham (Ala.) American.

STRONG FINANCIAL CONCERN.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank of Richmond, Va., Now Occupies a Fine New Building.

One of the strongest banking institutions in the South, the Mechanics' Savings Back of Richmond, Va., is owned and operated very suc cessfully by colored men. Jno. Mitchbeautiful sixteen-page pamphlet, ell, Jr., is the president, and asso-describing the "Mechanics' Savings clated with him in the board of di-Bank" of Richmond, Va., of which rectors are Thomas M. Crump, Jno. Hon. John Mitchell, Jr., is president. R. Chiles, R. W. Whiting, E. R. Jef-Besides the beauty and well ar- ferson, D. J. Chavers, W. F. Grarangement of the pamphlet, it tells ham, Thomas Smith, John T. Tayof one of the most worthy and thriv- lor, J. J. Carter, Shomas H. Wyatt. ing institutions that has ever been A. D. Price, P. B. Ramsey, H. L. owned and managed by Negroes any-Jackson and H. F. Jonathan. The lor, J. J. Carter, Thomas H. Wyatt, cashier.

The bank was organized and open ed for business November 10, 1902. 000.00; today it is one of the lead- The incorporation was capitalized at ing banking institutions of Richmond \$25,000. It started in a basement questionably an occular demonstra- 000. Now the concern is housed in wise leadership—leadership in which the country. While not so large the people have implicit confidence. as some others, the interior is fitted Mr. Mitchell is just such a man as up with as costly and beautiful fix man of wide experience, lofty ideals any of the finest banks of Chicago

The building, a four-story struc-The fact that its aggregate deposits to take care of it; also that they patronize those of their race who entage in business enterprises. The deposits for last year, 1909, reached the sum of \$480,062,58, a much arger amount than the majority of anks take in. The men at the head of this institution are deserving the industry, thrift, energy and of a great deal of credit for their enterprise of a people united and sagacity and success,-Chicago (Ill.)

A GLOWING TRIBUTE.

dollars and is honored and respected Jr., editor of The Richmond (Va.) throughout the Union, in fact, the American Negroes as a successful and progressive business man. In an evidence of the capacity addition to being an able editor, he and ability of the president, Mr. is president of The Mechanics' Savings Bank of Richmond the rosperous bank in the United States. The building is owned by Negroes and is the finest structure in the South, having all modern convenien-

es, and a vault that cost \$25,000 Mr. Mitchell is the only Negro member of the National Bankers' Association. He is not only a honor to his race, but a great help. Long may he live .- Beaufort (S. C.)

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

How to Decorate It to Get Beautiful Effects Cheaply.

Decerating a Christmas tree gives plenty of scope for artistic talent and the display of originality. The use of but they also add to the expense, and beautiful effects can be gained without the expenditure of much money. Thought and work will take the place of money in creating a tree that will delight the children and will add much to the enjoyment of grownups.

One novel effect acn be gained by the use of twisted crystal drops, which will look like icicles when suspended bility. Much more depends upon simand are comparatively cheap. The The crystal drops from old fasioned lamps gether and allowing a reasonable discan be used effectively in connection with the new ones. Stars, crescents and diamonds cut from silver paper and scattered lavishly over the tree the effect before sewing it; then close-

in this scheme of decoration, though before joining the two pieces together tradition demands that some holly berries, mistietoe and cranberries appear. full of tiny crape paper flags and then suspended from the tree can be used tassel at each corner is a nice finish, to good advantage. They can be fas- and this, as well as the cord by which

cones, etc., can be gilded and then used around the edge to slightly stiffen it, so they will help the decorative and it is then fastened to the pole by scheme. Buy some smalt of your paint strong cords fixed to the crossbar. On dealer. Dissolve a piece of glue in dealer. Dissoive a piece of glue in the top of the banner a number of boiling water, place a small tack in the small curtain rings must be neatly end of the nut and then dip it in the glue. Ther roll it in the smalt, which cord, and these are slipped over the can be had in gold, silver and other metallic shades. The nuts can be at- are put upon the side and then slipped tached to the tree by means of the tack. They should be hung from bright erally painted or stained, and the head colored ribbons in places that look

bare. A yard of tarletan, costing but a few cents, can be made into dozens of which, when filled with bright colored candles, are useful in decorating and with a paint brush can paint the deat the same time serve as presents.

THE BROKEN GLASS. JUDGE COFF'S RULING

(By Ralph W. Tyler)

equipped Negro bank building in the half smothered pop of corks as they flew from the tapering necks of bottles that contained the insidious brain-stealing fluid brewed in La their throats ran, in riotous confusion, the sparkling, effervescent wine. And course jests, ribaldry, and thin, airy smoke from doped torneys for the People's Pleasure obbed time of opportunity.

kisses, he, with the eyes whose blue Court. rivaled the cerulean of the skies, at he sound of that sacred word, "mother," stepped and steadled himself. Dethroned reason fought its way back through the copious draughts

"I break the glass." The other three, sober now, sat made of those amendments by the er again to enter.

FLAGS FOR DECORATION.

For Christmas Festival.

the holly, mistletoe and ever the hall, ballroom and dining room, These can be inexpensively made at very elaborate, but I found one idea home, as no great skill is required.

Bunting will stand rough a car and

is cheap, but other materials may be employed, such as alpaca, cloth, serge, silk, woolen rep and cotton velvet. In a hall either silk or alpaca would be cently passed. school feast, cloth or woolen rep.

the effect is too flat and not sufficient-

is not altogether necessary for legiplicity of form and in the grouping of the letters of each word closely totance between the words themselves. When the motto or inscription is arsides make the material double, sew-

The flag may be oblong or triangular, or the oblong may have the lower edge Small red and green apples if stuck vandyked and finished with braid, silk fringe or cord. If fringe, then a silk tened by braids of red, white, blue and it is suspended, should match in color. To prevent the banner being too limp

Walnuts, blckory nuts, peanuts, pine a cord should be run through the hem sewed, or, perhaps better still, loops of crossbar, or in the case of a flag they upon the pole itself. The pole is gen-struction. * * *

is of turned wood, frequently gilded. When monograms, crests and coats of arms are to be worked a gold cloth I shall preserve as an heirloom in bags, hearts and stockings, a rich subdued coloring is particularly cut out and worked upon a material of handsome, or those who are clever vice in oils.

TOUCHES VITAL POINT

For two long hours there was Mr. Royall Says That if Decision As To Non-Conveyance of Property to Negroes Is Not Sustained We Will Have An

Alien Race.

Oriental c garettes sent hot through Park Company (Inc.), in the suit them incalculable harm. This is the the nostrils, filled the gilded palace against John Worsbam, of Philadel most important matter that was of sin where four young scions of phia, in which Judge Nathan Goff, ever presented to any government fond, hopeful, indulgent parents in the United States Circuit Court for solution. It presents a case of Those in the United States Circuit Court the parting of the ways. Upon the four pair of eyes, one pair as blue for Eastern Virginia, held that clause one hand stands a government that as the nebular azure, had become es which appear in many deeds pre-glazed over from the effects of too cluding subsequent conveyance of conform to the laws of nature and auch wine.

Awful, horrible, depressing sight, property to negroes are invalid, said lution; upon the other hand, stands Awful, horrible, depressing sight, our handsome young boys being last night that if this decision is a government that proposes to force ured to destruction by the serpent not sustained in the higher courts the laws of naturet to co-ordinate And then there was a burst of this nation will have an alien race in themselves with the theories of those song, their voices blending inhar its midst. He maintained that if great philosophers and statesmen, noniously, discordantly, raspingly in negroes are not permitted to buy Wm. J. Bryan and Gen. Coxey. "We are jolly good fellows. Just property that their present holdings as the lights were being lowered, will eventually return into the hands as the sign of the hour of closing—
midnight—up jumps one in a sway.

of the white people, and if the opin
ing, reeling manner. The his eless ion of Judge Goff is net sustained. Tobacco Company came before the think we're (hic) in bed." ored people will become general faintest glimmering of what wa
The other three staggered to their With these ideas in mind Mr. Royall really involved in it, and the opin feet and unsteadily raised their believes that the ruling of the lower steals away the brain had touched to either the Circuit Court of Az-very rash thing of asking the court

MR. ROYALL'S STATEMENT.

ilm, speaking as slow as moves the brought about, Mr. Royall last sight jected.

and those sparkling globules that continuously rise from the bottom, most radical and the most valuable they will never win their case upon the continuously rise from the bottom, most radical and the most valuable they will never win their case upon the continuously rise from the bottom. debase my own mind, and ring more of their relation to our other insti-And then, hurling the filled the applications that they related the relation to our other instiglass to the marble floor, shatter- the subject that they relate to and ing it into an hundred fragments, capable of speaking with intelligence he exclaimed calmly, determinedly, upon them.

"The first authoritative exposition down their untouched glasses, and Supreme Court of the United States silence emerged from the gilded pal. was in what are known as the ace o'er which Bacchus reigned nev- Slaughter House cases, in 16th Wallace. When that decision was announced I at once saw the decision was wrong in cutting down the scope of the fourteenth amendment below | what it was intended to accomplish. How to Make Banners and Streamers It was decided by five justices against four. On looking into the There is generally a demand at opinions and the briefs I found that Christmas time for banners and flags not one of the eminent lawyers who for decorative purposes, as they can tried the case had gone to the debe very effectively introduced among bates in Congress at the time the the holly, mistletoe and evergreens in amendment was before Congress to while for school treats, parish teas, find out what that body intended to etc., they are quite indispensable, accomplish by it. The debates were

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

"The civil rights bill had been re The bill was very suitable, in a ballroom silk, in a din- odious to the Democrats, but was a ing room velvet or silk or, for a cherished measure of the Republicans in Those days of flery contest The letters can be embroidered upon over the results of the Civil War. the flag, but applique designs are more The Democrats charged that the effective and need very much less whole purpose of this fourteenth work. If embroidered the ordinary amendment was to incorporate the crewel stitch should not be used, as odious civil rights bill into the Constitution, and the Republicans rely bold. The basket and straight stitches and the French knot are much the because, if the Democrats came into best for either mottoes or devices, and control of the government one of electric light bulbs of different colors all kinds of thread may be used, act their first measures would be the cording to the quality of the ground- repeal of that glorious measure, and work. Gold and silver thread, tapes- the Republicans proposed, therefore, try and other wools may be utilized. to place it in the Constitution, where Having decided upon the size of the it would be beyond the power of flag, cut the material to fit, lay it the Democrats to do that injury to upon a large table and arrange the in-upon a large table and arrange the in-our free institutions. I wrote an article or the Southern Law Rement into position and carefully meas- view, of St. Louis, Mo., which it uring the spaces to insure regularity. Published, in which I maintained in cutting out letters enormous size that to find out what the fourteenth amendment wanted to do we must resort to the civil rights bill and the debates in Congress when the four teenth amendment was before that body. Wher the case just decided was before Judge Goff I pressed these views upon him, insisting that ranged tack it firmly in place and note find the public policy of the United on looking to these sources he would heighten the effect, and strings of ly buttonhole the letters all around the deeds that real property should not white popcorn looped from bough to edge, fixing them to the material, be conveyed to negroes was opposed bough will also add to the arctic ef. Should the device be required on both to that public policy, and that no Too much color should not be used ing the letters on each side separately give any effect to a measure that was opposed to the public policy of the United States. Judge Goff filed no opinion in the case, but I believe that these are the reasons that controlled him, and they cannot be

WHAT JUSTICE FIELD SAID.

"I had a letter from Mr. Justice Stephen J. Field, who sat in the Slaughter House cases, in which he uses the following language:
"Last evening I read your ar-

ticle in the Southern Law Review of November, 1878, on the fourteenth amendment. It is a imirable, and to my mind shows conclusively that the majority of the court in the Slaughter House cases erred in its con-

"I was very intimate with Jus tice Field, and was very much gratified at receiving this letter, which my family, but I confess I hardly expected him to give me such an in dorsement as this."

Mr. Royall was asked: "Are not the questions that relate to the control of the trusts very closely related to the fourteenth amendment?

"They are most intimately," he "I have been a careful and continuous student of those questions for twenty-five years, and I be lieve I understand them as no other living man does. I believe the subject has miscarried from the time public authority began to deal with it, and unless the Supreme Court of the United States measures up to the size and importance of the subject, which it has not so far done, a state of confusion will be introduced into our institutions that will do

AMERICAN TOBACCO CASE.

where in the world. The Mechanics of the United States Savings Bank was organized, action I Carter Thomas H. F. Jonathan, up again, and shouts: "Fill 'em (hic) the practice of inserting the clause in October, 1909, I saw that none up again (hic), b-loys; lesh (ac) against eventual sale to col- of the counsel in the case had the drink to our (hic) mothers, who ored people will become general faintest glimmering of what was ions that the court had pronounced glasses. But before the poison that court will be affirmed when carried derstood it. I accordingly did the ered with a thousand fervent sacred peals or the United States Supreme to allow me to file a brief in the case as an amicus curiae. The court has had so many of these applica tions that it has adopted a rule that it will not allow one to be filed un less both sides of the case consenrough the copious draughts

Because of the widespread interWhen I made my application the
Chief Justice asked if any one ob-Solicitor-General Bower him, speaking as slow as moves the brought about, Mr. Royall last sight rose and said the government did not object. But the counsel for the "The three amendments to the tobacco company sat quiet and said good in defending the Negro race in Jane. It has a roof garden and a with destruction. I see bubbling up. Constitution of the United States, nothing. That, or course, killed my application and the leave was refused. He is also a lawyer of relits kind. He is also a lawyer of relits kind. He is also a lawyer of relits kind. He is also a lawyer of the features of the bank room every description—lust, blasted whole nature and theory of our sibly have hurt them and might he said: "Boys, this glass is filled Constitution of the United States, nothing. That, of course, killed my

diction of Virginia. May the Me quarters of the officers, the direction of the direction of the officers, the direction of the posterior of the officers, the direction of the d patrons and the Negro race generally ished and furnished. The bank has ding tonight from those dear eyes From the time those three amend- have any real appreciation of their innocent infancy. To drink again ments were adopted I have been a case they will yet ask the court to would be to debauch my own soul, most devoted student of them and (Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch)

NEED FRESH AIR IN WINTER

TIME.

dows Be Kept Open Despite Weather.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14-(Special) The man who closes his windows in cold weather to keep from taking cold is the man above all men wh is apt to catch cold. At least, this s the view of the State Department of Health, and one which is being made a slogan of the department in this season of coughs and colds.

oday, "is as essential in cold weath er as in hot weather and should nev er be neglected by those who wish to keep in good health. One of the best ways in the world for a person to catch cold is to stay in a clo e coom, away from the fresh air, and then leave the room and go into the cold winter weather. The all to portant thing is to keep the body warm, and this can best be done by wearing ample clothing, rather than by living in a close room. The win dows should be left open in all weather in this climate. Of course, no one should sit or sleep draught, but this, too, can readily

be avoided. "It is curious how ignorant or careless some people are on this mat ter. One of our department officials was passing through a fashionabl part of Richmond about midnight recently and happened to notice very large apartment house. He saw that no windows were open in the front of the house, and become ing curious, made a complete circuit of the premises. He found that not open to admit fresh air. It is sofe to say that these people not only suffer from colis, but subject them selves to the menace of serious a single window in the heuse was throat and lung troubles."

\$100.00 Endowment Paid.

Richmond, Va. Dec. 12, 1910. This is to certify that I have reeived from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Worthy Counsellor of the Grand Court of Virginia, Order of Calanthe (\$100.00) One Hundred Dollars in payment of the death-claim of Sis ter Josephine Smith who was member of Sylves.er Court, No. 54, of Richmond, Va. Signed-W. F. Denny,

Administrator. Mary L. Johnson, Katle S. Thomas.

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